

1. Between 16 May and 8 June 1954, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne [redacted] Brandenburg, was occupied as previously by about 1,800 soldiers of artillery units. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The 122-mm and 203-mm howitzers were still observed there. During the period under review, intensive training, mostly outside of the installation in the area toward Hohenstuecken or Walzwerk (rolling mill), was observed. On 18, 27, 28, and 31 May, and 3 and 8 June, 2 to 3 two-load 203-mm howitzers, 2 to 3 x 122-mm howitzers, several trucks and 1 field kitchen left toward Hohenstuecken. The columns returned to the installation after 2 or 3 days. Prime movers [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were seen with the columns: [redacted]

Approximately 120 soldiers with full field equipment or signal equipment repeatedly left the installation by foot or truck. The troops always returned on the same day. Trucks [redacted] were also observed.

2. Between 20 May and 10 June, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne [redacted] Brandenburg, was occupied by a varying number of troops. From the number of lighted windows and fresh imprints of prime mover tracks, it appeared that, between 21 and 28 May and after 8 June, elements of the artillery units were absent for exercises in the area northwest of Brandenburg. On 26 May, 3 two-load 203-mm howitzers entered the area of the Opel plants near the Silo canal. The guns were presumably emplaced there at night. On 10 June, truck [redacted] which had the following tactical symbol, entered the installation: [redacted]

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3. Between 13 and 18 May and on 7 and 13 June, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied as previously by the artillery units known to be stationed there. The units were equipped with 122-mm and 203-mm howitzers and numbered about 1,700 soldiers. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Drill was repeatedly observed in the barracks yard. Up to 130 soldiers with signal equipment almost daily left the installation. Several howitzers and numerous trucks entered and left the installation between 13 and 18 May.

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4. Between 6 and 25 May, the Infanterie and Pionier Kaserne [redacted] Rathenow, were occupied by only a guard detail. On 24 May, about 10 percent of the windows of the two installations were lit at dusk, while the Kraftfahrer Kaserne [redacted] Rathenow, was fully lighted.

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5. Between 7 May and 6 June, the Infanterie Kaserne and the Pionier Kaserne, Rathenow, were occupied by guard details, each consisting of 80 to 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. The units permanently stationed in these installations were at Altengrabow. No training other than telephone operations service was observed. Motor vehicles [redacted]

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7 May and 6 June, the Ziethen Kaserne [redacted] Rathenow, was occupied by a rear detail of about 100 soldiers including some wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted]

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entered the installation. On 13 May, trucks [redacted] carried ration supplies from the ration supply depot on Semlinerstrasse, Rathenow, toward Altengrabow.

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6. Between 10 May and 12 June, the Infanterie Kaserne and the Pionier Kaserne, Rathenow, were occupied by only guard details. On 10 and 21 May, about 10 percent of the windows of the installations were lit at dusk. During the period under review, the Ziethen Kaserne was also occupied by only a guard detail of about 50 soldiers. On 10 May, truck [redacted] picked up billeting equipment in the installation. Groups of 8 to 18 soldiers with telephone and surveying equipment returned to the installation on several days. The majority of the Soviet families were no longer in the installation.

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7. Between 10 May and 12 June, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne [redacted] Rathenow, was occupied to capacity as previously. On several days of observation, 90 percent of the windows of the installation were lit at dusk. On 14 May, a column of 10 trucks, [redacted] entered the installation. On 5 June, M-13 rocket launcher [redacted] went toward Moegelin. Intensive driving school practices with 5 to 6 trucks continued.

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8. Between 7 May and 6 June, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne, Rathenow, was occupied by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery and motor transport insignia. Soldiers observed in the installation engaged in drill, maintenance work on motor vehicles and fatigue duty. On 22 and 31 May, 2 rocket launchers entered the installation. Driving school with 10 to 20 trucks was daily held. Trucks [redacted] entered and left the installation.²

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9. Between 5 May and 2 June, the Hohenlohe Kaserne [] Ludendorff Kaserne [] and the south section of Delius Kaserne [], Potsdam, were occupied by guard details. An artillery unit of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and equipped with 122-mm field guns was stationed in the north section of Delius Kaserne. Up to 6 guns and Ya-12 and Shts-Nati-type prime movers were seen in the installation and during training at Bornstedterfeld. Prime movers [] were observed. Intensive instruction on guns, signal training and firing with carbines were observed during the period under review. On 18 May, trucks [] entered the installation. 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1
10. Between 12 May and 18 June, the Hohenlohe Kaserne [] Potsdam, was occupied by 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia, and the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied by 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. There was no training in the two installations. Trucks [] were seen entering and leaving the two installations. 25X1 25X1
11. Between 12 May and 18 June, the north section of Delius Kaserne [] Potsdam, was occupied as previously by about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. No training other than physical training and march practices was observed. On 8 days of observation, an undetermined number of soldiers received instruction on 2 to 4 x 152-mm howitzers in the training area opposite the installation. Prime movers [] were seen. Signal training and aiming with carbines were repeatedly observed in the same area. 25X1 25X1
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12. Although the Hohenlohe Kaserne, Potsdam, which, between 20 May and 17 June, was occupied by only a guard detail of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, the Ludendorff Kaserne was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. Field-wire laying and driving school practices with trucks [] were observed. Trucks [] were seen en route to and from the installations.³ 25X1 25X1
13. On 8 June, the north section of the barracks installation in Prora [] Ruegen, was occupied by 1,500 to 2,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. A number of one-story temporary buildings were located between the former KdF buildings and the road toward the north, east of the Prora railroad station. The southern border of the Soviet-occupied section of the installation was near the former KdF administration buildings in the middle of the entire installation. The section south of this line was occupied by KVP. Five trucks occupied by about 180 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation. The soldiers subsequently received training with small arms in the area south of the installation.⁴ 25X1
14. On 26 and 27 May, the barracks installation on Ulmenstrasse [] Rosstock, was occupied to capacity by an equal number of naval personnel and army troops. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets and, some, naval uniform. Motor vehicles [] were seen in addition to naval vehicles.⁵ 25X1 25X1

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1. Comment. Units of the 124th Hv How Arty Brig probably conducted exercises under wartime conditions in the area northwest of Brandenburg after mid-May. Each one heavy battery escorted by individual 122-mm guns participated in these exercises. 25X1
2. Comment. The bulk of the units of the 6th Arty Div and the headquarters units of the IV Arty Corps is carried at Altengrabow until mid-June, while all elements of the 25th Gds RL Brig appeared to have been in the Kraftshrer Kaserne at that time. The departure of headquarters units of the corps was observed in late April. 25X1
3. Comment. The information indicates no changes over previous reports. 25X1
4. Comment. According to the present information, the 4th AT Arty Brig is carried in its known quarters in the north section of the barracks installations in Prora until 8 June. 25X1
5. Comment. The elements of the 3d Gds AT Arty Brig stationed in the barracks installation on Ulmenstrasse were apparently absent until late May. 25X1

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